

SENATE BILL 2284

By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-110, relative to informal adjustment of referrals in juvenile courts and proceedings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-110(a), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Upon receipt of information which appears to bring a juvenile within the jurisdiction of the court, before or after a petition is filed, the probation officer or other officer of the court designated by it, subject to its direction, shall make or cause to be made a preliminary inquiry and give counsel and advice to the parties with a view to an informal adjustment if it appears:

(1) The facts, if admitted, would constitute probable cause to believe that the child is a delinquent child and bring the case within the jurisdiction of the court;

(2) Counsel and advice without a formal adjudication would be in the best interest of the public and the child; and

(3) The child and the child's parents, guardian or other custodian consent thereto with knowledge that consent is not obligatory.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.